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Space & Naval Warfare Systems Center Awards Contract

CHARLESTON, S.C. — GeneSoft, Inc., of South San Francisco, Calif., is being awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,802,800 to perform research into regulation of pathogen gene expression by DNA-binding polyamides. This grant was announced under the DARPA Broad Agency Announcement BAA 98-25 with 66 bids solicited and 11 bids received. Funding for the grant is comprised of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation funds of \$2,263,000; \$3,008,200; and \$2,531,600 for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001, respectively. Funds will not expire at the end of the fiscal year. Work will be done in South San Francisco and is expected to be completed by May 7, 2002. GeneSoft is a small business. The Space & Naval Warfare Systems Center Charleston is the grant awarding activity (N65236-99-1-5427).

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